

HOUSE No. 2765

By Mr. Keenan of Southwick, petition of Daniel F. Keenan relative to the final settlement of the uncompensated care pool's liability to hospitals and community health centers. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (h) of section 18 of Chapter 118G of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the third sen-
3 tence and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 The final settlement of the pool's liability to a hospital, other
5 than for services provided by a health center operating under the
6 hospital's license, shall equal the product of allowable actual free
7 care charges, adjusted for any audit findings, multiplied by its
8 final cost-to-charge ratio.

1 SECTION 2. Said subsection (h) of section 18 of chapter 118G
2 is hereby further amended by striking out the tenth sentence and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 The pool's liability to a community health center and to a hos-
5 pital for services provided by a health center operating under the
6 hospital's license shall be calculated periodically by the division
7 based on the best data available as determined by the division.

1 SECTION 3. Said subsection (h) of section 18 of chapter 118G
2 is hereby further amended by striking out the final sentence and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 Such rates shall represent the community health center's rea-
5 sonable financial requirements, as determined by the division, and
6 shall be the same for community health centers and health centers
7 operating under a hospital's license.